Need to expedite construction of Railway Line between Salem and Karur via Namakkal *in Tamil Nadu*

SHRI K.K. VEERAPPAN (Tamil Nadu): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I am thankful to you for giving me this opportunity to draw the attention of the Government to an important and long-pending matter regarding the formation of a new railway line between Salem and Karur via Namakkal in Tamil Nadu. Regarding this, I got a reply to my Untarred Question No. 1187 dated 18-5-1990 rom the Railway Minister. I quote: "Survey for the railway line has been completed and the work has not been approved for construction". I do not know when the Government is going to approve this scheme. I want to submit that, if the railway line between Salem and Karur is formed it will not only help the people living there but also help the people of the Southern parts of Tamil Nadu up to Cape Comerin and also help the people of North India. Daily, thousands of people are travelling from South to North and from North to South for the purpose of business, worship and other purposes. They are required to travel either by road or by a deviated rail route. To save time, most of the people prefer road journey which is resulting in a heavy traffic on NH-7. Accidents have become quite common on NH-7 leading to loss of many precious human lives. Moreover, there are a number of industrially growing towns like Namakkal Mohanur and Rasipuram in that area. If a railway line is formed, it will help them to send their goods to other areas and also bring the raw materials at cheaper rates than by road transport. Apart from this, the people living in that area have to go more than 50 Km. to take a train for their railway journey. The people of that area are suffering a lot without the rail facility. Regarding this, the former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Dr. Kalaignar, had also made a request to the then Railway Minister at a function held at Madras last year. In spite of several requests the Government has not taken any steps to form a new railway line between Salem and Karur. So, through this Special Mention I would request the honourable Minister to consider the necessity and the importance of ths railway line and to include formation of a rail line between Salem and Karur via Nammakkal in the Eighth Five Year Plan

Infiltration of Insurgents into North-Eastern States from Across the Borders of Bangladesh and Myanmar

SHRI KAPIL VERMA (Uttar Pradesh): Mr. Vice-Chairman, with your permission I want to raise an important issue affecting the security and defence of the country.

Alarming reports of infiltration of foreign trained insurgents into Manipur and other north-eastern areas are causing a deep concern. Only a few days ago eleven policemen were kiled in a dadung ambush of a security convoy by armed guerrillas of an organisation known as the National Socialist Council of Nagaland at Lokchao on Myanmar border on December. 10. While this organisation is active in the hill districts, the PLA has raised its head in the Imphal Valley with help from across the Bangladesh border. Only yesterday five persons belonging to the security forces were killed by insurgents. As you know, the flow of Chinese arms into Assam is well known. The Manipur Chief Minister has openly said that he had definite information about the open support being given by the Myanmar Government to insurgent groups in the north-east. Also the PLA militants were trained extensively in the Sylhet district of Bangladesh and had found their way into Manipur . According to the police, there were PLA training camps at four other places also in Bangladesh—at Chota Damar, Bhanukhash, Nandodri and Basagaon. Otherwise also, Bangladesh were infiltrating in large number into the neighbouring Indian territory systematically. Even in other towns of India, one could find Bangladesh in large numbers, including in Delhi. All this is illegal migration carried out under a nefarious plan. Besides, there is open infiltration of Pakistani nationals into Rajasthan from across the Pakistani border.

All these developments are quite disturbing and are causing widespread alarm in the country. The Bangaladesh Government is said to be denying any knowledge of helping the armed insurgents infiltrating into the north-eastern region. But the facts are quite well known. Bangladesh is clearly guilty of deliberately and openly helping insurgents in every way like Myanmar. The Government should let the House know the correct facts about these developments and the steps being taken by the Government to meet this situation and the threats of destabilisation of the country. The Government should make a statement as soon as possible. Luckily the Minister of State for Home Affairs is here. He may have got some information on this. I would request him, through you, to please respond to this Special Mention.

SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR (Maharashtra) : Sir, I associate myself with this Special Mention.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : Mr. Vice-Chairman, actually there is a discussion before the House on the grow-

[Shri M. M. Jacob]

ing menace of terrorism and subversive activities encouraged by outside powers. At the time of responding to the debate either I or the Home Minister may be able to tell you more. At the moment only one point of information I can share with you, that we are aware of some of the subversive activities encouraged and promoted from across the border. Recently when some of the ULFA extremists were caught and when they were interrogated, it was revealed from their diaries and records that they had training across the border, their linkages across the border with the Nagas there and other parts also. Regarding Mayanmar also it is a fact that some people are trying to use the jungles for crossing over to this territory. But we are not very sure of the involvement of the Burmese army, the Myanmar army, in this kind of operation. Still it is widely believed that some of the extremists are taking advantage of the knowledge of the army in Myanmar.

But the CRPF Director-General from India recently visited Dhaka and had discussions with his counterpart there on other issues in general and, during the course of the discussions, this matter of using their territory for training terrorists and sending them across the border to India was also mentioned. But the Government of Bangladesh expressed ignorance about such things or they did not know anything about what is happening. However, they promised that they would take steps to see that such things, if they are there, will be put down. But I will respond to him later on when the debate is taken up on this subject.

Use of Substandard Material in the Barbed Wire Fencing Along Indo-Pak Border

श्री शांतनु त्यागी (उत्तर प्रदेश) : माननीय उपसभाध्यक्षजी, मेरा स्पेशल मेंशन भारत-पाक सीमा पर जो कांटेदार दीवार लगाई जा रही है, उसके बारे में है ।

मान्यवर, यह स्पेशल मेंशन देश की आजादी, अखंडता और सुरक्षा से ताल्लुक रखता है । श्रीमन्, भारत-पाक सीमा पर तस्करों और खाड़कुओं का आवागमन रोकने के लिए तीन साल से एक कांटेदार तारों की दीवार खड़ी की जा रही है और भारत सरकार बड़े यत्नपूर्वक उसका निर्माण कर रही है । लेकिन यहां क्या हो रहा है कि ठेकेदार लोग और सरकारी कर्मचारी, बड़े से बड़ा, वह देश की आजादी सुरक्षा, अखंडता, नेशनल डिफेंस—इंडो-पाक बार्डर पर जो हमेशा टेंशन है, उसको नजरन्दज करते हुए जो तार लगनी चाहिए, उसकी पुअर क्वालिटी लगा रहे हैं—सरकार ने जो टेंडर खोले हैं, उसमें चालीस रुपये किलोग्राम का तार लिखा हुआ है, इससे कम दाम का नहीं होना चाहिए । पर जो तार ठेकेदार सप्लाई कर रहे हैं और जो हमारा अमृतसर स्थित क्वालिटी कंट्रोल है, वह भी बगैर तार को देखे हुए, उस पर मुहर लगा रहा है और यह कह कर कि क्वालिटी ठीक है और लगाओ, सो सोलह-सतरह रुपये किलोग्राम का तार जो है, वह इस दीवार में लगाया जा रहा है ।

खाली तार की ही बात नहीं, बल्कि लोहे के खंबे भी जो दीवार में काम आ रहे हैं, वह भी बड़ी घटिया किस्म के हैं और इससे भी शरारती और खतरनाक बात यह है कि सरकारी और फौजी वाहनों में जो वहां पर काम कर रहे हैं, जो कल-पुरजों की आवश्यकता होती है और जो कल-पुरजे वहां की दुकानों से या फैक्ट्रियों से सप्लाई होते हैं, उन पर भी, बिलकुल नकली पुरजों पर क्वालिटी कंट्रोल की मुहर लगा कर उन्हें फौजी वाहनों को सप्लाई किया जा रहा है । इससे ज्यादा गद्दारी देश की आजादी के प्रति, देश की अखंडता के प्रति और कुछ हो नहीं सकती है । इस कांड में कई लोग पकड़े भी गये हैं, सरकारी कर्मचारी पकड़े गये हैं, मगर चण्डीगढ़ और दिल्ली में बैठे हुए कुछ लोग इस बात में जुटे हुए हैं कि जो दोषी हैं, जो देश की आजादी के साथ दगा कर रहे हैं, देश की डिफेंस को धोखा दे रहे हैं, उसे गिरवी रख रहे हैं, उन पर कोई भी एक्शन न हो ।

इसलिए मैं आपके माध्यम से सरकार से और गृह मंत्री जी से मेरा हाथ जोड़ कर निवेदन है कि यह बहुत गम्भीर मामला है और इंडो-पाक बार्डर तो हमेशा टेंशन में ही रहा है, आज भी टेंशन में है और वहां गर्मी और भी ज्यादा है । पंजाब में वह क्या कर रहे हैं, कश्मीर, में पाकिस्तान के शासक क्या कर रहे हैं यह किसी से छिपा हुआ नहीं है ।